

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method for transferring information from a portable agenda replication device to a vehicle navigation system, the method including:

accepting entry of an agenda comprising a destination and a requested time of arrival at the destination;

storing the agenda in a computer readable storage mechanism;

retrieving the agenda from the storage mechanism;
transmitting the retrieved agenda to the vehicle navigation system, and
instructing the vehicle navigation system to use the agenda to determine a route to follow to the destination based upon the requested time of arrival, and also based upon at least one of: (a) a cellphone coverage preference, (b) a road condition preference, or (c) a scenic route preference; and
using the portable agenda replication device to update the agenda in the middle of a multiple-stop trip wherein, when a location is dropped from the agenda or a new entry is added to the agenda, the route is automatically recalculated by the vehicle navigation system in response to the vehicle navigation system receiving the updated agenda from the portable agenda replication device.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 further comprising instructing the vehicle navigation system to update a travel agenda table stored in the vehicle navigation system with the agenda transmitted by the portable agenda replication device.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the vehicle navigation system is installed in a specific automotive vehicle, and wherein, as part of the instructing the vehicle navigation system is instructed to perform route-planning for reaching the destination from a current location of the vehicle as determined by the vehicle navigation system.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 further comprising:
storing personal preference information associated with the destination;
the personal preference information comprising at least one of a date of departure, a desired time of departure, a cell phone preference, a scenic route preference, a toll road preference, and an express route preference.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 further comprising displaying at least a portion of the agenda on a display unit associated with the vehicle navigation system.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14 wherein displaying further comprises displaying at least a first portion of a planned route between a current location of the vehicle navigation system and the destination.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the agenda comprises a first desired destination, a requested time of arrival at the first desired destination, a second desired destination and a requested time of arrival at the second desired destination.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 wherein information is transferred from the portable agenda replication device to the vehicle navigation system over a communications path comprising a wireless communications link including at least one of (a) a short-range optical connection between a first transmitter receiver associated with the portable agenda replication device and a second transmitter receiver associated with the vehicle navigation system, or (b) a wireless connection between a first RF transmitter receiver associated with the portable agenda replication device and a second RF transmitter receiver associated with the vehicle-navigation system.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17 wherein the wireless communications link is a radio frequency link selected from the group of radio frequency links consisting of short-range low-power communication links and long-range cell phone-based communication links.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the portable agenda replication device is a portable battery-powered computer system that is sufficiently light in weight to be carried by hand.

20. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9 including the step of deploying process software for transferring personal travel agenda information, in an automated fashion, regarding destinations and related personal route-planning user preferences, the deployment comprising the steps of:

- installing the process software on at least one server;
- identifying server addresses for users accessing the process software on the at least one server;
- installing a proxy server if needed;
- sending the process software to the at least one server and copying the process software to a file system of the at least one server;
- sending the process software to at least a first client computer; and
- executing at least the process software on the first client computer.

21. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20 wherein the step of installing the process software further comprises:

- determining if programs will reside on the at least one server when the process software is executed;
- identifying the at least one server that will execute the process software;
- and
- transferring the process software to storage for the at least one server.

22. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20 wherein the step of sending the process software to the first client computer includes having the at least one server automatically copy the process software to the first client computer, and running an installation program at the first client computer to install the process software on the first client computer.

23. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20 wherein the step of sending at the process software to the first client computer further comprises identifying the user and the address of the first client computer.

24. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20 wherein the step of sending the process software to the first client computer includes sending the process software to at least one directory on the first client computer.

25. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20 wherein the step of sending the process software to the first client computer includes sending the process software to the first client computer via e-mail.

26. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9 including integrating process software for transferring personal travel agenda information, in an automated fashion, regarding destinations and related personal route-planning user preferences, the integration comprising the steps of:

determining if the process software will execute on at least one server;

identifying an address of the at least one server;

checking the at least one server for operating systems, applications and version numbers for validation with the process software, and identifying any missing software applications for the server that are required for integration;

updating the server with respect to any operating system and application that is not validated for the process software, and providing any of the missing software application for the server required for the integration;

identifying client addresses and checking client computers for operating systems, applications, and version numbers for validation with the process software, and identifying any software applications missing from the client computers that are required for integration;

updating the client computers with respect to any operating system and application that is not validated for the process software, and providing any missing software application for the client computers required for the integration; and

installing the process software on the client computers and the at least one server.

27. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9 including on demand sharing of process software for transferring personal travel agenda information, in an automated fashion, regarding destinations and related personal route-planning user preferences, the on demand sharing comprising the steps of:

creating a transaction containing unique customer identification, requested service type, and service parameters;

sending the transaction to at least one main server;

querying the at least one main server about processing capacity associated with the server to help ensure availability of adequate resources for processing of the transaction; and

allocating additional processing capacity when additional capacity appears needed to process the transaction, the additional processing capacity being selected from the group of additional capacities consisting of central processing unit capacity, processor memory capacity, network bandwidth capacity, and storage capacity.

28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27 further comprising the step of recording a plurality of usage measurements selected from the group of usage measurements consisting of network bandwidth, processor memory, storage, and central processing unit cycles.

29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27 further comprising the steps of:

summing the usage measurements ;

acquiring at least one multiplicative value associated with the usage measurements and with unit costs ; and

recording any such acquired multiplicative value as an on demand charge to a requesting customer.

30. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27 further comprising at least one of the following steps:

posting the on demand charge on a web site if requested by the requesting customer, and

sending the demand charge via e-mail to the requesting customer's e-mail address.

31. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27 further comprising charging the on demand charge to the requesting customer's account if an account exists and if the requesting customer has selected a charge account payment method.

32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9 including deploying, accessing, and executing process software for transferring personal travel agenda information, in an automated fashion, regarding destinations and related personal route-planning user preferences, through a virtual private network, the method further comprising the steps of:

determining if a virtual private network is required;

checking for remote access to the virtual private network when it is required;

if the remote access does not exist, identifying a third party provider to provide secure, encrypted connections between a private network and remote users;

identifying the remote users ; and

setting up a network access server for downloading and installing client software on desktop computers for remotely accessing the virtual private network;

accessing the process software;
transporting the process software to at least one remote user's desktop computer; and
executing the process software on the at least one remote user's desktop computer.

33. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 32 further comprising:
determining if the virtual private network has a site-to-site configuration for providing site-to-site access, and if the virtual private network is not so available, installing equipment required to establish a site-to-site configuration for the virtual private network ;
installing large scale encryption into the site-to-site virtual private network; and
accessing the process software through the site-to-site configuration with large scale encryption.

34. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 32 wherein the step of accessing the process software further comprises one of the following steps:
dialing into the network access server , and
attaching directly via a modem into the network access server, the modem being selected from the group of modems consisting of telephone dial-up modems, cable modems, DSL modems and wireless modems.

35. (Cancelled)